

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A method of treating beta-thalassaemia comprising administering a medicament comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of rapamycin ~~or a structural analogue thereof~~ to a human patient in need of such treatment, wherein the beta-thalassaemia is therapeutically treated by induction of HbF.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): The method of treating beta-thalassaemia according to claim 1, wherein the rapamycin ~~or the structural analogue~~ is used in combination with at least one of a modifier of a transcription process for the preparation of the medicament wherein said modifier is selected from the group consisting of cytosine arabinoside, retinoic acid, plicamycin, mithramycin, hydroxyurea, guanine, guanosine, triphosphate (GTP), guanosine diphosphate (GDP) and guanosine monophosphate (GMP).

4. (canceled).